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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support! We are happy to share with you how God is working in our lives. We hope that this report is as encouraging to you as it is to us! God bless!

## Halfway there: time flies!

This week marks the halfway point of our furlough. We are right on target with new monthly support according to the promises we have received. We have raised about 5% of our 10% goal.

Our main project for this furlough is to raise funds to buy a van upon our return to the field for getting people to and from church, camp and youth activities. We are looking to buy something 5-6 years old and because of the 52% sales tax on vehicles in Portugal along with the exchange rate, we will need to raise about \$20,000. We have raised a little over 25% through donations from individuals and churches. We would be so encouraged if you contacted us to let us know that your church can contribute to this project. Thank you to those who already have!



While we are on furlough, part of our heart stays on the field. We rejoice over "Joana" whose mom works at our local post office. Her mom greeted Lionel at the post office with, "Aren't you the Baptist pastor here in town?" She asked for his number and said that her daughter was looking for a Baptist church. Joana was already familiar with salvation and baptism because her boyfriend who had recently gotten saved had explained it to her the best he could. When he moved back to Poland, he encouraged her to find a Baptist church to attend. She called Lionel and Carol and they were able to lead her to the Lord. Her baptism is scheduled and she has been attending services faithfully as well as meeting with Carol for weekly discipleship. Please pray for her as Satan is already putting obstacles in her way as she tries to follow Christ.

We love "team missions" because the ministry continues even while we are gone. Can you imagine leaving your church for 6 months to a year without a pastor or any other leadership? After several years of hard work, then a 6 month furlough, missionaries often come back to little or nothing. When we return, Lionel and Carol will be taking their furlough while we continue the work. (If you would like to be even more invested in our ministry by financially supporting our team members, please contact Lionel at [lionelwmartin@gmail.com](mailto:lionelwmartin@gmail.com). He is now scheduling meetings for the Spring and Summer of 2013).



While we are here we are still translating materials for Sunday School and Bible Studies and keeping in touch with the contacts we have made over the past 3 years, hoping to lose as little momentum as possible. If you have ministry resources you have used and love such as Bible studies, Sunday school curriculums, VBS, music, or anything else, we would love for you to share those suggestions with us. We have been and will be collecting a few materials to take back with us in January.

We appreciate each of our faithful supporting churches and care deeply about the success of your ministries for the cause of Christ. We are so blessed to have been a part of some of your services and look forward to the ones we still have scheduled!

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